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Lord Mayor, for his upright and impartial conduct this day.

Resolved—That the thanks of the Common Hall be given to Samuel Birch, esq. and William Heygate, esq. Sheriffs, for their prompt attention to the directions of the Common Hall, at their last meeting.

Resolved unanimously—That the thanks of this Common Hall be given to Robert Waithman, esq. and Samuel Favell, esq. for their uniform and steady attachment to the rights of their fellow-citizens, and for their zeal and abilities displayed on the present occasion.

WOODTHORPE.

T. N. WILLIAMS, Clerk Com. Hall.

*Belfast, April 3, 1812.*

At a numerous and respectable Meeting of the Sovereign, Burgesses, Merchants, Manufacturers, and other inhabitants of the town of Belfast, convened by public advertisement, the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to :—

THOMAS VERNER, esq. Sovereign,  
In the Chair :

Resolved—That in the present distressed state of the commerce and manufactures of the United Kingdom, it is incumbent on the Legislature to adopt the most effectual measures for their relief.

Resolved—That the discontinuance of the commercial monopoly of the East India Company, would be a most important measure of this kind.

Resolved—That the monopoly, granted by charter to the East India Company, is impolitic and unjust; impolitic, as it is impossible that the Company can carry on the trade to the same extent or advantage, that private individuals could; and unjust, as it deprives all the other subjects of the British Empire of their natural rights; at the same time that this privilege is granted to foreign nations, in amity with his Majesty.

Resolved—That if it were possible to entertain a doubt respecting the superior competency of British individuals to carry on an extensive trade to the East, the example afforded by the United States of America completely removes it; and the supposed delicacy of allowing a trade with China, is entirely done away, by the success which has attended the American traffic to that country.

Resolved—That in no point of view can there be a reason for granting a monopoly to the East India Company; because, if the

trade can be carried on by them to greater advantage, than by individuals, they can have nothing to fear from competition; and if they can so carry it on, they ought not to be permitted to retain such monopoly, so highly detrimental to the inhabitants at large of the United Kingdom.

Resolved—That, confining the India trade to the port of London, is injurious to the other parts of the United Kingdom; as they are unnecessarily subjected to the excessively heavy expenses of that port, besides many other charges, consisting of commissions, freights, insurances, &c. &c.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this meeting, that petitions should be presented to both Houses of Parliament, praying that they may reject the application of the East India Company for the renewal of their charter, to the exclusion of the other subjects of the British Empire.

Resolved—That the Marquis of Donegall be requested to present our petition to the house of Lords, and Sir Edward May, Bart. Member for this town, to the house of Commons; and that copies be forwarded to the Marquis of Hertford, and Earl O'Neill; and to the Members for this County, the Hon. John O'Neill, and Edmund Alexander M'Naghten, esq. requesting their support to the same.

Resolved—That this meeting do approve of the petition now read, and that the Sovereign be requested to sign it in the name, and on behalf of the Sovereign, Burgesses, Merchants, Manufacturers, and Inhabitants of Belfast.

Resolved—That the proceedings of this meeting be twice published in both the Belfast Newspapers, and in two Dublin papers, *The Evening Post and Correspondent.*

The Sovereign having left the Chair, and Robert Bradshaw, esq. having been called thereto,

The thanks of the meeting were unanimously voted to the Sovereign, for his readiness in convening it, and for his very proper conduct in the Chair.

R. BRADSHAW.

*MANCHESTER, 25th MARCH, 1812.*

At a most numerous and highly respectable meeting of the inhabitants of Manchester, convened by the Boroughreeve and Constables, pursuant to a requisition, to consider of the propriety of petitioning Government to discontinue such parts of the East India Company's